

1. A method for providing a secure communication network to provide consultations between a client and a consultant comprising:

providing to the client via said secure communication network at least one web module;

providing to the client a liability limitation module through the at least one web module, wherein a liability limiting agreement is provided to the client by the liability limitation module;

receiving a message from the client via said communication network indicating consent to said agreement;

providing to the client via said communication network a list of consultants from a consultant database module;

receiving a message from the client via said communication network indicating a choice of consultants;

receiving a message from the choice of consultants consenting to see the client;

providing to the client and the choice of consultants a secure consultation environment within which a conference occurs.

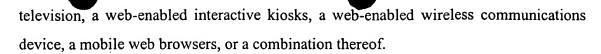
- 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising issuing a digital certificate to the client after the client has logged on to the communication network.
- 3. The method of claim 1, further comprising providing the client an opportunity to leave a message for the choice of consultants.
- 4. The method of claim 1, further comprising calculating a fee based on service rendered within the secure consultation environment.
- 5. The method of claim 1, further comprising providing an archival copy of the conference recorded by the archive module.
- 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one web page is accessed by a web-enabled device selected from the group consisting of an individual computer, a mobile computer, a personal digital assistant, a hand-held computer, a web-enabled

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7. A system for providing a secure communication network to facilitate consultations between a client and a consultant comprising:

at least one web module configured to provide at least one web page;

- a certificate module configured to provide a digital certificate to the client once said client contacts the at least one web module;
- a liability limitation module configured to provide a liability limiting agreement to the client via the at least one web module;

a payment module configured to calculate a fee for services rendered to the client via the at least one web module;

a consultant database module configured to provide a list of consultants to the client, from which the client selects a consultant of choice via the at least one web module; and

a consultation module configured to provide a secure communication environment within which the consultant of choice and the client confer via the at least one web module.

- 8. The system of claim 7, wherein said certificate module issues a digital certificate to the client after the client has logged on to the secure communication network.
- 9. The system of claim 7, further comprising a source module configured to supply code to support the consultation module.
- 10. The system of claim 7, further comprising an archive module configured to archive the conference between the client and the consultant.
- 11. The system of claim 7, further comprising an electronic white board module configured to provide communication between the client and the consultant.
- 12. The system of claim 7, further comprising an electronic note module configured to provide notes between the client and the consultant.
- 13. The system of claim 7, further comprising an internal communication module configured to provide internal communications between parties.

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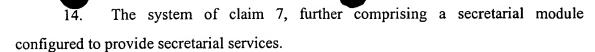
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- 15. The system of claim 7, further comprising an electronic mail module configured to provide electronic mail services.
- 16. The system of claim 7, further comprising a language translation module configured to provide language translation services.
- 17. The system of claim 7, wherein the at least one web page is accessed by a web-enabled device selected from the group consisting of an individual computer, a mobile computer, a personal digital assistant, a hand-held computer, a web-enabled television, a web-enabled interactive kiosks, a web-enabled wireless communications device, a mobile web browsers, or a combination thereof.